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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP0150997A2] A characteristic, for example attenuation slope coefficient, of an ultrasonic wave medium is determined from a received signal, arising from reflection of a transmitted ultrasonic wave in the medium, on a real-time basis employing only time domain calculations. <??>In some embodiments, the phase difference (ϕ) between a received signal and a reference signal is determined using EXCLUSIVE OR gates (61, 62) or a quadrature detector (14) and a signal conversion circuit (7) using an inverse trigonometric relation stored in a ROM (73, 738). The phase difference is input to a differentiator (8) which outputs the center frequency shift of the received signal on a real-time basis. The center frequency shift is input to another differentiator (10) which outputs the attenuation slope coefficient (β). <??>In other embodiments, the received signal is distributed into received signal bands, having different center frequencies (by filters 17-1 to 17-m), and signal characteristics of the received signal bands are averaged, for example phase difference (ϕ) determined as above for each band, or a first derivative ($\dot{\phi}$) of phase difference, to remove virtually all effects of spectrum scalloping in the time domain. Thus, the attenuation slope coefficient for example is obtained without the effects of spectrum scalloping using simple hardware and without Fourier transformation.

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